

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 and 7 are present in this application.

Claims 1-3 and 7 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory double patenting over claims 15 and 20 of commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,803,693. Without conceding this rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer has been filed herewith. Applicants thus respectfully submit that the rejection is moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are patentable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Prompt passage to issuance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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